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Northgate Link Extension

The Northgate Link Extension is a key part of the regional mass transit system approved by voters in 2008.

The 4.3-mile light rail project will provide a fast, reliable option for getting through one of the region's most congested traffic areas. The Northgate Link Extension includes stations at Northgate, the Roosevelt neighborhood and the University District.

Northgate Station

The elevated Northgate Station will be located east of First Avenue Northeast, spanning Northeast 103rd Street.

The station will have two entrances:

- The north entrance will provide a connection to the Northgate Mall.
- The south entrance is adjacent to the Northgate Transit Center.

The station provides access to the Northgate Mall, Thornton Place, bus transfers at the transit center and adjacent parkand-ride facilities, North Seattle Community College and the surrounding residential and business communities.

Approximately 15,000 daily riders will board trains at Northgate Station by 2030.

Key features include:

- Elevated station platform approximately 25-45 feet above ground
- Escalators, elevators and stairs at each station entrance
- About 400 feet of track north of the station will be used for train storage and would accommodate a future light rail extension north
- Covered bike storage

Final design of the Northgate Link Extension began in the fall of 2010. Sound Transit will host public meetings at key design milestones where you can get involved.

As the project moves to construction, Sound Transit will continue to keep the public informed and address any issues that may arise.

Issues for final design include:

- Station architectural features
- Details of pedestrian and bus connections
- Bicycle facilities at the station
- Finalizing route of tunnel, portal site, and above-ground light rail guideway
- Construction schedule and methods
- Public art and artist selection



What else is happening near Northgate Station?

Northgate Link Extension trains will run in twin-bored tunnels. Trains will come out of the tunnels (called a portal) at a proposed site near Northeast 94th Street along Interstate 5.

The above-ground light rail guideway will travel along the east side of I-5 before crossing over First Avenue Northeast, south of Northeast 100th Street and connecting to the elevated Northgate Station.

Planning is also underway to extend transit north from Northgate to Lynnwood. For more information about the Lynnwood Link Extension project, visit www.soundtransit.org/LLE.

Agency coordination

Sound Transit is working closely with King County Metro to integrate the Northgate Link light rail station design with Metro's plans to redesign the Northgate Transit Center.

Sound Transit is also participating in a planning effort led by the Puget Sound Regional Council (www.psrc.org) to achieve sustainable urban development around Northgate's transit hub. This effort is supported by a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant.

Sound Transit is also working with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to coordinate plans for light rail facilities in WSDOT's I-5 right-of-way.

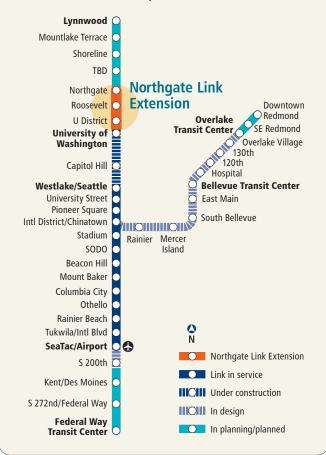
Schedule: Northgate Station to tunnel portal

Design	Late 2010 - Late 2013
Property acquisition*	Mid 2012 - Mid 2015
Portal area site preparation & utility relocation	. Late 2013 - Late 2014
Tunnel portal tunneling to Roosevelt Station	Mid 2014 - Late 2018
Station/light rail guideway construction	Mid 2016 - Mid 2019
Systems installation/testing	Early 2018 - Early 2021
Light rail service begins	. 2021

^{*} Property acquisition is expected to focus on public right-of-way and portions of parking lots near the future Northgate Station.

Link Light Rail System

In 2008, voters approved the Sound Transit 2 Plan, which includes 36 miles of additional light rail to form a 55-mile regional Link light rail system. Link will expand the current system from Seattle north into Snohomish County, across Lake Washington into east King County and south of Sea-Tac International Airport.



For more information

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